

CASE STUDY FOR PARTICIPATION WORKS

Template for Participation Works Network for England regional case studies

Region: East of England	
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The sector this case study is an example of:	
Voluntary sector activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statutory sector activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Corporate sector activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
The themes this case study can be used to support (<i>tick all that apply</i>):	
Arts & creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Early Years	<input type="checkbox"/>
Faith	<input type="checkbox"/>
Funding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hard to reach groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inclusive practice	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning & research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Measuring change	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online tools	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rights/citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safeguarding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Standards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Workforce development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth-led project	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name of project: Brighter Futures	
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Aims of the project: To address the lack of easily accessible support for young people in care in Lowestoft.	
Please name any other organisations involved if this was a project developed as a partnership:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connexions • Social Care Dept • NCH (Steering Group) 	
How many young people were involved? Young people who had experienced being in care ran the project. 42 young	

<p>people in care used the service.</p>
<p>How were children & young people involved in decision-making? Two young people's mentors (who had experienced care) worked alongside the Children's Rights Team to develop the project in consultation with young people in care.</p> <p>A DVD was produced on housing issues with young people involved in the project.</p>
<p>What changes has children & young people's involvement led to?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A weekly post 16 drop in service plus monthly activities has been set up • A pre-16 group that meets twice a month has been set up
<p>What next for the project or the participants?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A young parents drop in is being planned • Support for young people who have been in care who are going through legal proceedings with their children
<p>Quotes from staff, management, children, parents/ carers: <i>'The project is unique because it is run by young people who have experienced care and as a result have a greater understanding of the feelings of young people. Also young people make decisions about the direction of the project.'</i></p>

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